BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year ended 31st. December/64

To the Chairman and Members,
Barmouth Urban District Council.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to present the Annual Report of the Public Health Inspector for the year 1964, upon the sanitary circumstances of the district.

You will recall that I joined this Authority on the 1st. May, 1964, as Surveyor and Public Health Inspector, and for the first four months of the year the Council were without the services of a Public Health Inspector. During this period, matters of urgency were dealt with by Mr. N. Taylor, the Public Health Inspector for Towyn.

On the Public Health side, it proved to be routine year, with nothing of a serious nature occuring, but neverthe less, I would like to thank the Council and fellow Officers for their interest and support throughout the year.

I am,

Your Obedient Servant,

C. PUGH

Public Health Inspector.

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1. WATER SUPPLY

No additional attention was given to the water supply undertakings during the year, and we were able to maintain a satisfactory supply throughout the year.

Periodic samples were submitted for bacteriological examination, and these showed the supply to be "highly satisfactory".

2. DRAINAGE & SEWERAGE

Normal routine maintenance was carried out on the sewers in town, and during the period under review there was nothing unusual to report. The complaints of sewage contamination on the beach were reported to me by visitors, and whilst action was taken to remove this, it is to be hoped that the speedy renewal of the outfall pipe will obviate this nuisance completely.

3. RIVERS AND STREAMS

There were no cases of pollution of rivers or streams.

4. CLOSET ACCOMMODATION

There were no known cases of change over from the dry conservancy system to the water carriage system.

5. PUBLIC CLEANSING

Refuse was collected by means of a Karrier Side-Loader Vehicle from all parts of the town except the Gloddfa and this was done my means of manually filling sacks and loading on the Land Rover. The refuse tip was at Bontddu which is some five miles outside of town. In May, the tip was in a terrible condition and was the source of many complaints. For the remainder of the year, as far as was possible, tipping was carried out under the control tipping system, and sand from the promenade and marl from Talyllyn was used as covering material. The volume of refuse during the year was great and a large expense was incurred for covering matterial to keep the tip in a reasonable condition. During the summer, a fire occured at the tip which burnt for three days and during the intermittent period it was necessary to tip refuse on land adjoining the south end of the promenade.

There was a marked increase in volume of litter in the district throughout the summer period and one should anticipate that this is still becoming an ever increasing problem as the years go by.

6. SANITARY INSPECTION OF THE AREA

Total number of Inspections	=	343
Notices served - Formal	=	2
Informal	=	14

Inspections :-

[illegible] houses	9
Dairies	12
Milk Shops	8
Ice Cream Premises	42
Fried Fish Premises	23
Factories	36
Restaurants and Cafes	134
Food Premises	168
Blocked Drains	43

Notices Served re Defective Drains :-

Formal	Nil
Informal	4

Camping Sites :-

Of the three licensed Camping Sites within the district no complaints were received arising from the control or behaviour of any one of these camps.

Swimming Baths :-

There are, unfortunately, no swimming baths or pools for the public within the urban district.

Vermin :-

There were no cases of infestation reported during the period under review.

Rodent Control :-

The Rodent Officer, who is shared by both Dolgellau Councils carried out his duties efficiently and effectively and there were no serious cases of rodent infestation brought to my notice.

Food Hygiene Regulations :-

Literature and verbal advice was given to all food premises and in general this trade was carried out in a most satisfactory manner.

One prosecution was made by the County Council being in respect of mouldy trifles being sold by one of the shops in the urban district.

7. HOUSING

During this period the only programme in progress was the conversion of Plas Gwyn into 16 flats and these were completed in September. They were constructed basically for old people, however, there are some younger tenants in occupation.

No new houses were completed during the year.

8. SLAUGHTER HOUSE AND UNSOUND FOOD

The slaughter house in Park Road has now closed, therefore, no meat inspections took place during the year, but there was a large amount of unsound food surrendered and subsequently condemned.

9. INSPECTION OF DWELLING HOUSES DURING THE YEAR

1. (a) Total number of dwelling houses inspected for Housing Defects under the Public Health & Housing Acts 26

   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose 43

2. (a) Number of dwelling houses under sub-head (1) above which were inspected and recorded under the Housing Consolidated Regulations 1925 ..... Nil

   (b) Number of inspections made for the purpose ..... Nil

3. Number of dwellinghouses found to be in a state so dangerous or injurious to health as to be unfit for human habitation 18

4. Number of dwellinghouses, exclusive of those referred to under the preceeding sub-head found not to be in all respects reasonably fit for human habitation 2

5. Remedy for defects during the year without service of Formal Notice . 2

   Rendered fit - informal action by local authority ..... nil

10. ACTION UNDER STATUTORY POWERS DURING THE YEAR

1. Proceedings under Section 9, 10 and 16 of the Housing Act, 1936

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were servied requiring repairs ..... Nil

(b) Number of dwelling houses which were rendered fit after service of Formal Notices ....

(i) by the owners ..... Nil
(ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners Nil.

2. Proceedings under the Public Health Acts.

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which notices were served requiring repairs. 2

(b) Number of dwelling houses in which defaults were remedied after formal notice was served.

(i) by the owners 2
(ii) by the Local Authority in default of owners. Nil

3. Proceedings under Sections 11 & 13 of the Housing Act, 1936

(a) Number of dwelling houses in respect of which Demolition Orders were made ..... Nil

(b) Number of dwelling houses demolished in pursuance of Demolition Orders ..... Nil

4. Proceedings under Section 12 of the Housing Act, 1936.

(a) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were made ..... Nil

(b) Number of separate tenements or underground rooms in respect of which Closing Orders were determined, the tenement or rooms having been rendered fit ..... Nil

5. Housing Act, 1936 - Part V - Overcrowding

(a) Number of new cases of overcrowding reported during the year ... Nil
(b) (i) Number of cases of overcrowding relieved during the year .. Nil
(ii) Number of persons concerned in above .. Nil

(c) Particulars of any cases in which dwelling houses have again become overcrowded after the Local Authority have taken steps for the abatement of overcrowding ..... Nil

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With the Compliments
of the Chairman

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BARMOUTH URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL

Annual Report for the Medical Officer of Health for 1964.

Mr. Chairman, Gentlemen,

I have the honour to submit the Annual Health Report for the year ending December, 31st., 1964.

The Registrar General's estimate of the mid year population was 2,270 an increase of 70 over that for 1963 (It was 2,190 in 1962 and 2,307 in the 1961 census).

The number of live births was 31 (34 in 1963, 41 in 1962 and 40 in 1961).

There were no stillbirths.

There were 2 infant deaths, both occuring in the first week of life.

There was one maternal death.

41 deaths occured during the year (31 in 1963, 46 in 1962 and 45 in 1961). As in the previous year cancer, strokes and cardiovascular disease were responsible for the great majority of deaths. This is the pattern in the country generally.

Two new cases of pulmonary T.B. were notified compared with one in 1963. There were no deaths from this disease.

I wish to thank the Public Health Inspector, Mr. Pugh, the Clerk Mr. Evans Jones and all the other council officials for their help during the year.

Finally I wish to thank all the council members for their support during the year.

I am, your obedient servant,

(Signed) H. FRANCIS.

District Medical Officer of Health.

GENERAL STATISTICS

SECTION A.

Area of BARMOUTH District	-	1,347
Rateable Value	-	67,477
Population (Registrar General's Figures)	-	2,270
Sum represented by a Penny Rate	-	£253
Number of inhabited houses (According to the Rate Books) at end of year	-	775

VITAL STATISTICS

Comparability Factors -

Births	1.13
Deaths	0.69

BIRTHS

LIVE BIRTHS		Males	Females
Total	31	10	21
Legitimate	29	9	20
Illegitimate	2	1	1

Live Birth Rate per 1,000 population - 13.66
1963 figures - 15.45

Illegitimate Live Births (per 1,000 population) - 0.88

STILL BIRTHS		Males	Females
Total	Nil ..	..	-

Still Birth Rate per 1,000 population - Nil
Still Birth Rate per 1,000 Total Live and Still Births - Nil

TOTAL BIRTHS (Live & Still).	31..	Males	Females
Live		10	21
Still		-	-

DEATHS

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER ONE YEAR		Males	Females
Total	2	1	1
Legitimate		-	1
Illegitimate		1	-

Infant Mortality Rate per 1,000 Live Births - 64.52
1963 figures - 29.41

Deaths of Legitimate Infants
Mortality (Per 1,000 Legitimate Live Births) - 34.48

Deaths of Illegitimate Infants
Mortality (Per 1,000 Illegitimate Live Births) - 500.00

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 4 WEEKS		Males	Females
Total	2	1	1
Legitimate		-	1
Illegitimate		1	-

DEATHS OF INFANTS UNDER 1 WEEK OF AGE		Males	Females
Total	2	1	1
Legitimate		-	1
Illegitimate		1	-

Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - 64.5

Early Neo-Natal Mortality Rate - 64.5

Perinatal Mortality Rate - 64.5

MATERNAL DEATHS (including abortion) - 1

Maternal Mortality (Rate per 1,000 Live and Still Births). - 32.26
1963 figures - Nil

DEATHS		Males	Females
Total Number	41	17	24

Rate per 1,000 population - 18.06
1963 figures - 14.09

DEATHS FROM CANCER			
Total Number	9	4	5

Rate per 1,000 population - 03.96
1963 figures - 3.64

DEATHS FROM TUBERCULOSIS	Males	Females
Total Number	-	-

Rate per 1,000 population - Nil
1963 figures - Nil.

GENERAL PROVOSIONS OF HEALTH SERVICES IN THE AREA

(1) Public Health Officers of the Authority

One Medical Officer of Health.
One Public Health Inspector holding the appointment of Public Health Inspector and Surveyor.

(2) Laboratory facilities

Water examination (Bacteriological) at the Public Health Laboratory, Aberystwyth.
Examination of milk at the Public Health Laboratory, Conway.
Analysis (chemical) of water by the Public Analyst, Chester.

(3) Ambulance Facilities

One ambulance stationed at Barmouth.

(4) Infant Welfare Clinics

Held at Park Road Chapel Vestry on the first Wednesday of each month.

(5) Ante-Natal Clinics

Held at Dolgellau Hospital twice every calendar month.

(6) Orthopaedic Clinic

Held at the Hospital at Dolgellau on the second Thursday of each month.
An After Care Clinic is held on the fourth Thursday of each month.

(7) Tuberculosis Clinic

Held at the Hospital in Dolgellau twice monthly.

(8) Diphtheria Immunisation

Carried out at the Infant Welfare Clinics and General Practitioner surgeries.
Immunization of young children is also carried out by the School Medical Officer at the primary schools.

(9) Hospitals

There is no hospital in the urban district.

(10) Infectious diseases

Total number of Infectious Diseases (other than Tuberculosis) notified during the year :- 8

Scarlet Fever -	Nil
Bacillary Dysentry -	Nil
Whooping Cough -	2
Measles -	6
Infantile Paralysis -	Nil
Pneumonia -	Nil

TUBERCULOSIS

NEW CASES

Pulmonary	Total 2	Males 1	Females 1	
Non-Pulmonary	Total - Nil	Males -	Females -	

TUBERCULOSIS DEATHS

Pulmonary	Total Nil	Males -	Females -	
Non-Pulmonary	Total Nil	Males -	Females -	

TUBERCULOSIS

New Cases and Mortality during 1964 in age groups

Age Periods	Respiratory		Non-Respiratory		Respiratory		Non-Respiratory	
	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.	M.	F.
Under 1								
1 - year								
2 - 4								
5 - 9								
10 - 14								
15 - 19	1							
20 - 24								
25 - 34								
35 - 44		1						
45 - 54								
55 - 64								
65 - 74								
75 and over								

CAUSES OF DEATH, 1964	Males	Females
Tuberculosis Pulmonary		
Tuberculosis, other		
Syphilitic disease		
Other infective & parasitic deseases		
Cancer Stomach	-	1
Cancer Bronchus	1	-
Cancer Breast	-	1
Cancer - Other sites	3	3
Leukaemia, aleukaemia	1	-
Diabetes		
Vascular lesions of nervous system	2	3
Coronary disease, angina	3	1
Hypertension with heart disease		
Other heart diseases	2	3
Other circulatory disease	-	1
Influenza	-	1
Pneumonia	1	-
Bronchitis	1	1
Ulcer of stomach and duodenum		
Gastritis, enteritis and diarrhoea		
Nephritis and nephrosis	1	1
Pregnancy, childbirth, abortion	-	1
Hyperplasia of prostate		
Congenital malformations		
Other defined and ill-defined diseases	2	2
Motor vehicle accidents		
All other accidents		
Suicide		
Other diseases of respiratory system	1	-